

**House File 419 - Introduced**

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BY ROGERS

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act concerning citizen interaction with state government.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 23.1, Code 2015, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **23.1 Citation and purpose.**

4 This chapter may be cited as the "*Iowa Public Information*  
5 *Board Act*". The purpose of this chapter is to enhance citizen  
6 interaction with state government and to provide an alternative  
7 means by which to secure compliance with and enforcement of the  
8 requirements of chapters 21 and 22 through the provision by the  
9 Iowa public information board to all interested parties of an  
10 efficient, informal, and cost-effective process for resolving  
11 disputes.

12 Sec. 2. Section 23.6, Code 2015, is amended by adding the  
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 11A. Develop and maintain an  
15 internet-based government accountability portal to provide  
16 public access to and to foster public interaction with state  
17 government agencies. The portal shall facilitate public access  
18 and interaction with state agencies by allowing the public to  
19 register complaints, make comments and suggestions, and receive  
20 timely responses to information requests.

21 Sec. 3. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PORTAL —  
22 DEVELOPMENT. The Iowa public information board, in  
23 collaboration with the office of the chief information officer,  
24 shall develop and establish a government accountability portal  
25 to serve as a primary access point for citizens to interact  
26 with state government agencies, enabling the public to register  
27 complaints, make comments and suggestions, and receive timely  
28 responses to information requests.

29 EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill establishes a government accountability portal  
33 under the authority of the Iowa public information board.  
34 The bill amends Code section 23.1 to provide that a purpose  
35 of the Code chapter relating to public access to government

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1 information is to enhance citizen interaction with state  
2 government and amends Code section 23.6 to require the  
3 Iowa public information board to develop and maintain an  
4 internet-based government accountability portal. The bill  
5 directs the Iowa public information board, in collaboration  
6 with the office of the chief information officer, to develop  
7 and establish the government accountability portal to serve  
8 as a primary access point for citizens to interact with state  
9 government agencies.